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MOBILE TARIFF
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

the details of mobile tariff maintained by various mobile/cellular telephone companies, company-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

Sir, the tariff for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) are specified by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its Telecommunication Tariff Order (TTO), 1999. These tariffs are for standard tariff package, which must always be offered to the subscribers by the service providers and in addition, CMTS providers may offer alternative tariff packages also. The subscriber is free to choose from among all tariff packages including the standard tariff package. Competition has resulted in alternative tariffs being reduced in several places. However, the Government does not maintain a record of tariff plans offered by the cellular Service Providers in various parts of the country.

At present, the mandatory standard tariff package offered by service providers in Metros City Service Areas includes a monthly rental of Rs. 475/- and airtime charge of Rs. 4/- per minute. In Telecom Circle Service Areas, the corresponding package is Rs. 500/- for monthly rental and Rs. 4.50/- for airtime. In many service areas the alternative tariffs offered by cellular service providers are lower. In addition, TRAI is keeping the tariff structure under review for introducing any changes in the same if so warranted.